

TEMPORARY RULE OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES OF RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CONTENT AND GRADING

The following Temporary Rule will govern the content and grading of bar examinations beginning with the July 2006 examination through the February 2008 examination. The Board of Bar Examiners invites written comments on this Temporary Rule and the use on a permanent basis of the six (6) Multi-State Essay Examination (MEE).

As a result, the Rhode Island Bar Examination would consist of one day of the Multi-State Bar Exam, and a second day consisting of one Multi-State Practice Test problem, representing two essay questions; six MEE essay questions; and three essay questions originated and corrected by members of the Board of Bar Examiners.

The Multi-State Essay Examination will consist of six questions drawn from a number of subject matters which include the following: Agency and Partnership; Commercial Paper (negotiable interests); Conflict of Laws; Corporations and Limited Liability Companies; Decedents' Estates; Family Law; Federal Civil Procedure; Sales; Secured Transactions; and Trusts and Future Interests. This portion of the examination is administered in one three-hour session, which is timed for the afternoon in the Central and Eastern Time Zones on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday in February and July.

The number of locally generated essay questions will now be three. These three questions will be prepared and graded by members of the Board based upon subject matter questions which are not included in the MEE examination and which are within the standard statutory authorization for subject matter controlling this Board.